(b) whether it is a fact that another guidelines/instructions were issued on 16th August. 2000 reiterating earlier instructions, soon after such instances were noticed;

(c) if so. the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon:

(d) whether Government proposes to fix responsibility for violation of Government instructions; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (e) Department of Expenditure, which is the Cadre controlling authority for CSS officers in the Ministry of Finance had issued instructions on 8th October. 1999 to all the Departments of the Ministry of Finance to direct the CSS officers to report to Department of Expenditure for further posting on their repatriation from deputation. These instructions were reiterated on 16th August, 2000 when some instances of non-compliance by some Departments were noticed and the matter was also taken up with the Departments concerned. In order to ensure that such instances do not recur in future, the said instructions have again been reiterated on 27th March. 2001 for strict compliance by all the Departments in the Ministry of Finance.

Assistance for development of backward districts

2332. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration for granting special financial assistance for the development of backward districts of the country;

(b) if so. the details thereci*; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) Planning and development of an area within a State and allocation of funds for this purpose are primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments in its development, through releases under the award of Finance Commission, releases of Central Assistance

for State Plan and through assistance under various Central sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

The backwardness of States is taken into consideration by the Finance Commission while determining their award. The allocation of assistance for State Plans is based on the Gadgil-Mookherjee formula wherein eighty per cent weightage is given to population and per capita income below the national average. Besides the State Government can also avail of assistance available under various programmes aimed at poverty alleviation, infrastructure development and social security to improve the quality of life in backward Districts within the State.

Deposits in banks of Kutch District, Gujarat

2333. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKERDAVE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of deposits with Schedule banks in Kutch District of Gujarat up till 30-9-2001;

(b) how much amount has been given as loan after earthquake *i.e.* 26-1-2000 to individuals for industries, trade, business; and

(c) what is the credit ratio in Kutch district only?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B ALAS AHEB VDCHE PATIL): (a) As per the information available from Reserve Bank of India, the aggregate outstanding aggregate deposits of all scheduled commercial banks in the Kutch District of Gujarat State was Rs. 429309 lakhs as on the last Friday of June, 2001.

(b) As per the data furnished by Dena Bank, the SLBC Convenor bank for Gujarat State, banks have sanctioned total Rs. 21155.19 lakhs as fresh credit to the earthquake affected people of which Rs. 14096.50 lakh has been disbursed cumulatively upto 09-11 -2001.

(c) As on the last Friday of June 2001 the credit deposit ratio of all scheduled commercial banks in the Kutch District was 10.86 per cent.

Whereabouts **of company involved in embezzlement**

† 2334.SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGr. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.